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Eatery row boils over

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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A TENANT has allegedly occupied a popular restaurant for nearly two weeks following a furious row with the property's landlord.

Lavalicious, an Afro-Caribbean restaurant based in Exchange House in Midsummer Boulevard, has closed its doors to the public and notices have been placed on the windows.

Sensational claims of 'racial harassment' have been levelled against Matthews & Goodman, which manages the property on behalf of landlords Bay Star (Jersey) Ltd.

The managing agents refute these

claims and allege the tenant, which it has not named, broke into the restaurant on July 30 and continues to occupy the space.

A spokesman for Matthews & Goodman said: "The tenant moved in to the property in early 2015 and there have since been late or non-payments of rent."

"We are not happy with the use of the property as increasingly it is being used as a late night venue rather than the restaurant in the rental agreement."

"The tenant has broken in to the property, put up the notices and is now occupying the space."

"We have never had a situation

before where a tenant has completely ignored and breached the terms of the lease."

"We and our clients consider these notices as libellous."

"The landlord has forfeited the lease and legal proceedings have now begun."

The notices also claim harassment from the managing agents has extended to switching off the power and water supplies – allegations which Matthews & Goodman deny.

The signs read: "I am tired of being racially targeted and harassed by Matthews & Goodman."

"Today I'm coming out to tell every-

one why my unit has been closed down by Matthews & Goodman, the agents for this building."

"Due to ongoing interference from our landlord's agents and solicitors, this shop will be closed for the next few days."

"I think I am entitled to run my business peacefully, without being chased out vindictively."

"Thank you very much for your support, we look forward to seeing you soon."

OneMK visited Lavalicious but was unable to speak to the tenant.

We also tried calling them but had not received a reply at the time of going to print last night.



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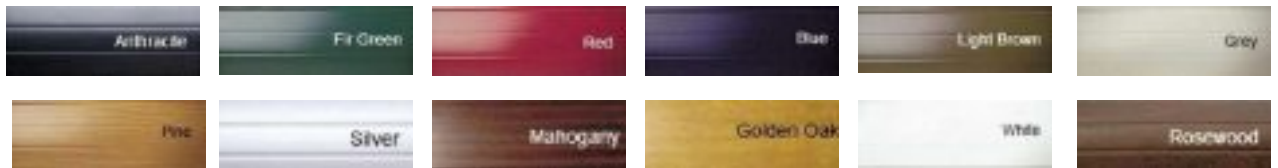


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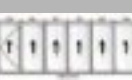
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Imagination
apprentice:
Jaclyn
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Jaclyn's on to a winner with imaginative tale

THE first ever 'imagination apprentice' has been appointed by the Odeon at the stadiummk site.

Jaclyn Moorhouse from Walnut Tree stepped into the honorary role after triumphing in an Odeon competition, launched to mark the release

of animated film *The Secret Life of Pets*. She wrote a story based on 'what secret life my family pet leads while we're out of the house'.

With her winning story *When My Sister's Cat Came To Stay*, Jaclyn was invited to the Odeon for a private screening of *The*

Secret Life of Pets with more than 80 of her friends and family.

Her story was about her sister's cat Pudding and how she tried to look for a cat rescue centre and surfed the internet when she stayed at Jaclyn's house.

Homes 'won't help fix crisis'

BY SCOTT KIRK

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AN APPLICATION to build a £35million, eight-storey, U-shaped apartment building in CMK has been rejected.

The building in Silbury Boulevard at the old Job Centre site would have contained 144 residential apartments, but Milton Keynes Council's development control committee was told on Thursday that this would in no way help the housing crisis in the area.

That is because there was no provision for affordable housing and the meeting was told that the average rental would be £1,200 per month.

The meeting was also told that there would be no Section 106 contribution, which means the developer would contribute nothing towards the city's infrastructure because it

couldn't afford to.

Cllr Derek Eastman, who is on the committee, was also concerned that there was not enough parking, with only 102 spaces for the units.

There would also have been room for commercial space on the ground floor.

Kirstie Hopcroft, who represented developers River Street Capital (Silver Oak) Limited, said the application should go ahead because the neighbourhood plan, which was passed last year, encouraged eight-storey buildings in CMK.

But councillors said they did not believe the height of the building was in keeping with others around the site.

The application was unanimously refused because of the bulk, mass and height of the building, the lack of Section 106 money and affordable housing and the limited parking.

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YOUR VIEWS ON THE APPLICATION

Kirsty Hefford: "The last thing Milton Keynes needs is yet more new builds with huge rent/purchase prices. There is a massive shortage of affordable and social funded housing in MK and that is what needs to be addressed."

Sarah Plant: "By all means build your eight-storey blocks, but make them affordable! There's a large percentage of the population of Milton Keynes that don't even earn £1,200 a month!"

Esther Sweet: "I am not completely against tall buildings as long as they are not concrete boxes. Eight floors may be a bit much though. £1,200 rent does little to help the housing situation in MK though, especially in those numbers, and the parking was woefully inadequate. The council was right to reject this development on those grounds."

Hayley J Evans: "It's turning into over priced, tower block London more and more."

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Death at recycling facility

A MAN in his 40s has been found dead at a recycling plant in Old Wolverton.

Police were called to the Milton Keynes Materials Recovery Facility, in Colts Holm Road, shortly before 5.30pm on Monday.

Officers and the ambulance service attended the scene where the man, aged 42, was

found deceased.

The death is being treated as unexplained but it is not believed to be suspicious and a file is being prepared for the coroner.

His next of kin have been informed and police are investigating alongside the Health and Safety Executive, which was on site on Monday

and yesterday.

Counselling is being offered to workers at the facility, run by Viridor. Chief executive Ian McAulay said: "The entire Viridor team are deeply saddened to hear of the death of our colleague. Our thoughts are with him, his family, friends and colleagues at this difficult time."



Safety: Councillor Sam Crooks has labelled the junction onto the V10 Brickhill Street a 'problem'

Junction safety focus of debate

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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A COMMUNITY is being asked how it would like to make a 'problem' junction safer.

Sam Crooks, councillor for Broughton ward, and the Focus Team for the area are asking whether a ban on right turns should be placed at the junction for V10 Brickhill Street and Noon Layer Drive in Middleton.

So far a slim majority have indicated they would favour no right turns, while others have suggested having a ban in place for the school runs and evening rush hour.

Cllr Crooks said: "Noon Layer Drive's junction has always been a problem.

"There is nothing in accident records that suggest the junction is a major problem. But there have certainly been shunts and residents have shared their concerns with me.

"The real problem is when you aim to turn right, if there is a car sitting in the centre it blocks your view of any oncoming cars.

"If you let the car in the middle across, you can get stuck there as another car will soon follow.

"If you live on the Middleton estate, the other exit is on to

the busy V11 Tongwell Street dual carriageway and many prefer driving out on to Brickhill Street as they feel safer."

Cllr Crooks wants to tackle the 'problem' sooner rather than later, with the latest development phase at neighbouring Oakgrove expected to start in Autumn 2017.

He favours the adoption of a 'ghost junction' – similar to the one opposite Lovat Fields Village – but considers a ban on right turns the next best option.

To air your views, contact the Focus Team on 07803 036656, or email focusteam@live.co.uk

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Brian Tompkins: "Nothing to do with the turning. All to do with the fact that most people in MK can't drive and seem to think it's acceptable to drive 20mph below the speed limit. Pulling out in front of people and not getting up to speed!"

Emma Martin: "MK roads are too fast – fact. These junctions should be blocked and made safer. Most people in MK drive like lunatics. I drive three miles

to work and lose count at the amount of people that cut me up or pull out in such short journey."

Allan Sneddon: "If people have a problem with them go to the roundabout and turn around. Let the drivers who have no problem with them use them. They're not hard to use, just wait for a big enough gap."

Chris Bell: "Right turns should be banned from every estate if there isn't a roundabout off it.

People drive too fast these days and you have to be a mind reader because very few indicate their intentions!"

Dave Pearson: "People don't have patience and try to rush their manoeuvre, which causes accidents. In rush hour people need to use their brains."

Ian Hodgson: "People need to look before they go. It's easy, take your time and people won't get hurt."

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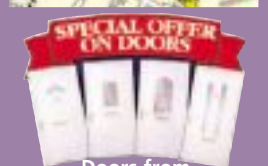
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Mark Ormerod

Director of Leap – the Bucks and MK Sport and Activity Partnership which co-ordinates the sport awards

This is driving me mad

I WRITE to you out of frustration as it seems neither Milton Keynes Council or the Highways Agency have a phone or access to email.

I contacted the council on April 14 regarding the terrible state of the road. I had no reply after some time passed so on May 22 I emailed them again.

I did not receive a reply so I rang on about June 23 to ask what was happening and I was told there would be no further action taken.

I enquired as to why as the state of the road is bad and I was informed they didn't know but if I sent evidence they would take it to the manager and I would be contacted, so I emailed them 21 photographs.

Still no reply so I rang on about July 22 and I was again told no further action would be taken.

The photographs had not been received but they said they would look into why no further action would be taken and what had happened to the photos. They said they would ring me back in a couple of days.

They did not call back so I rang the office number I had been given on Tuesday, August 2 and left a message. I have still not had a reply hence my email to your paper.

Why do they not reply to questions, why have they said no further action would be taken and why, after looking at the road, do they think nothing is wrong?

Paul Rohan
Sent via email

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Theatre District is sold for £16.75m

Viva Walden: "It could be great rather than looking so run down. They need some up market bars as well as restaurants. They need to get some sustainable places rather than the cheap fly by night ones and then it could be THE place to go."

Chris Kendall: "This area has been on its last legs for a while now. Needs a face lift and bars that can last longer than six months. Used to be a decent night out."

Gracie Randall: "We don't need any more shops or flats built there!"

Emma Brookes: "Can they do

anything about theatre walk? It's horrible, all dark with wheely bins and extractors."

Karen Bose: "It would be nice for the people of MK to be consulted. It is looking run down so it could do with a face lift."

Steve Urwin: "I have to say it is a very depressing sight...looks shabby and neglected and has a bad vibe about it."

Rebecca Hawkins: "A good live music/comedy etc bar/venue for us folks who have outgrown clubbing would be nice!"

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Refurbishment: Katie Elmer and representatives from charity Emily's Star helped customers pack their bags following Aldi's reopening



Ribbon cut in reopening of food store

Aldi reopened the doors to its refurbished Bradwell store in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday.

A large cheque donation was made at the event to Community Action:MK to support the charity's social and voluntary activities within the community.

Representatives from charity Emily's Star also attended the opening to raise money while helping customers pack their shopping bags.

Anthony Seamarks, manager of the store, in Bradwell Common Boulevard, said: "We'd like

to thank our customers for their patience while we worked to improve their store.

"The team and I enjoyed welcoming our loyal customers back into the store, and it was great to see some new faces too."

Plans for homes and gypsy sites

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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PLANS are in place for an additional 2,000 homes and two traveller sites to the west of the city.

The draft local plan published by neighbouring Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) has recommended a site in Shenley Road, Whaddon, for the 2,000 houses as part of a massive regional expansion.

With plans for 1,885 houses at Salden Chase in Newton Longville under negotiation and construction underway

on 268 homes south of Newton Leys, a total of more than 4,000 homes could be built in areas surrounding the city.

The draft plan also includes the allocation of traveller sites on land opposite Causter Farm in Nash and Fairview in Stoke Hammond.

Public consultation on the proposal is underway with a meeting taking place in Whaddon on Monday night.

Councillor Carole Paternoster, cabinet member for growth strategy with AVDC, said: "It's your opportunity to have your say, so

please take time to find out more."

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "We will be considering the position for Milton Keynes and how it is going to impact MK and we will be providing a full response ahead of the consultation closing in September."

If approved, the draft plan is expected to be put into effect by the middle of next year.

For more information on the proposals and to register feedback online, visit aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/valp

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Houses approved

MK COUNCIL has given permission for up to 50 homes to be built on land south of Lavendon Road, Olney.

Pensioner events

NATIONAL Citizen Service students are hosting a series of events on issues affecting older people. Visit onemk.co.uk for more details.

Go Outdoors to open marquee

AN OUTDOOR supplies store is set to open a pop-up marquee and move into a temporary unit following a fire.

As OneMK previously reported, a faulty electric fan was revealed as the source of the blaze at Go Outdoors on July 21.

The temporary marquee will

be located on the car park of the current shop at the Central Retail Park in Patriot Drive and is due to open on Saturday.

Doors will open to the temporary unit at The Place Retail Park on August 19 and will operate until refurbishment works are completed.

Kittens found in artic lorry

A DRIVER is looking for the owner of two kittens he found in his lorry.

One of Cawleys drivers, Robert Jones, found two tiny felines in the back of his articulated lorry on Friday.

Rob heard meowing from the

back of his truck so he and a colleague at its Haversham Bank Sidings office in Old Wolverton looked through waste collection sacks and found the kittens.

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Adcocks pop into ZipYard for kit alterations

THE ZipYard at intu Milton Keynes helped badminton stars Chris and Gabby Adcock by adjusting their Team GB kit ahead of them flying to the Rio Olympics.

Russell Golding, director of The ZipYard, said: "We're all getting caught up in the excitement of the Olympic Games and for Chris and Gabby, who are competing this year, they obviously want to go in looking their best. Our talented seamstresses altered five pieces of clothing for the happy couple and we were thrilled to have helped."

The Adcocks are ranked seventh in the world in mixed doubles and have won two Superseries titles, including last year's world finals in Dubai.

They will be joining six other badminton players in Team GB for the Games in Brazil, twice the number that competed in London four years ago.

With shuttlecocks travelling at up to 400 km/h, badminton requires fast reflexes from the players and it has been in the Olympics since Barcelona in Spain in 1992.

Getting ready: Chris and Gabby Adcock with Anetta, one of the seamstresses at the ZipYard



Training ground walk organised

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A WALK is taking place this weekend in opposition to plans for the MK Dons' training ground.

A sign has been put up at the site in Cosgrove, which states that the opposition walk will take place on Saturday between 5pm and 7.30pm.

The note says: "The fields at Cosgrove are under threat from commercial development."

"This beautiful area, which is near two nature reserves and the remains of a medieval

village, is a completely unsuitable place for the planned football academy.

"Please join us on this opposition walk so you can see for yourself why the area should be protected from the proposed development."

The walk, which starts and ends at the Wolverton Mill car park, is expected to cover around six-and-a-half miles of the site and take two-and-a-half hours.

It is believed that a young photographer from Wolverton is responsible for organising the walk.

A statement from MK Dons said: "While noting the planned walk on our site, we continue to refine the planning application, including taking into account many of the points raised so far, which will help create an international-standard facility and asset for South Northants."

OneMK contacted opponents to the training ground Save the Fields at Cosgrove about the walk but as the group had not organised the event, it did not wish to make a comment.

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Little Linford arson
FIREFIGHTERS were called to an arson at a fishing hut in Little Linford on Monday at 1.29am.

Bridge repair
HARDMEAD Bridge on the A422 Newport Road is to be repaired. There will be temporary traffic lights and just one lane open. A date has not yet been set for when the work, which will take eight to 10 weeks, will start.

Voting reminders
RESIDENTS are urged to keep their Electoral Register records up to date. Go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Tony Porter's life celebrated

THE life of homeless man Tony Porter, who died earlier this year, will be celebrated with a concert at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone.

As OneMK previously reported, Mr Porter was found dead outside the city centre

church on February 29.

Hundreds paid their respects to Mr Porter in a ceremony at the same church on March 17 and the concert with Mad Mods and Englishmen will take place on October 8. Tickets cost £7.50 from the church.

Green light for 'forest school'

PLANNING permission was granted for a school for pupils with behavioural difficulties by Milton Keynes Council's development control committee on Thursday.

Daubeney Gate in Shenley Church End will see 70 pupils taught under 'Forest School' principles, which means that

there will be a focus on outdoor learning.

The school will be for those aged between four and 12 and lessons will be largely informal, with more formal elements brought in as behaviour improves.

Councillors unanimously voted in favour of the school.

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Talks underway for new tenants

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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NEW businesses are in discussions to open in the Theatre District following the £16.75m sale of the leisure area.

Otium Real Estate's purchase of the space in CMK from UGS MK Limited was announced on Friday.

The 109,000sq ft Theatre District is the first in-town leisure purchase by Otium, joining out-of-town leisure assets within its portfolio such as Newport Leisure Park in Newport and Westgate Leisure Park in Wakefield.

The existing Theatre District leisure scheme comprises 16 units, which includes tenants such as TGI Fridays, Zizzi, Bella Italia, Revolución de Cuba and the Slug and Lettuce.

And Otium Real Estate has revealed talks are underway with prospective new tenants to move into the area.

Ashley Blake, CEO of Otium Real Estate, said: "The acquisition of this significant leisure asset is a major step forward for Otium Real



Sold: Otium Real Estate is looking to rejuvenate the fortunes of the Theatre District after buying the space for £16.75million

Estate. The scheme has a varied tenant mix, appealing to all age groups within Milton Keynes.

"We are looking forward to refurbishing the Theatre District and welcoming new tenants to the centre of Milton Keynes."

In April, national chain JD Wetherspoon closed popular Theatre District pub The David Garrick in a move that was intended to protect the profitability of its other three

city outlets. More recently, construction got underway on a new 130-bed Premier Inn hotel next to the Theatre District that is expected to open in the summer next year.

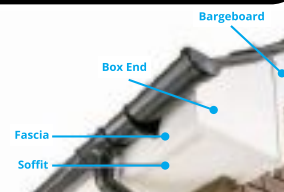
The city centre itself is seeing major development with expansion plans for MK Gallery, an art-house cinema and 1,400-space multi-storey car park to be constructed on sites around the Theatre District in 2017/2018.



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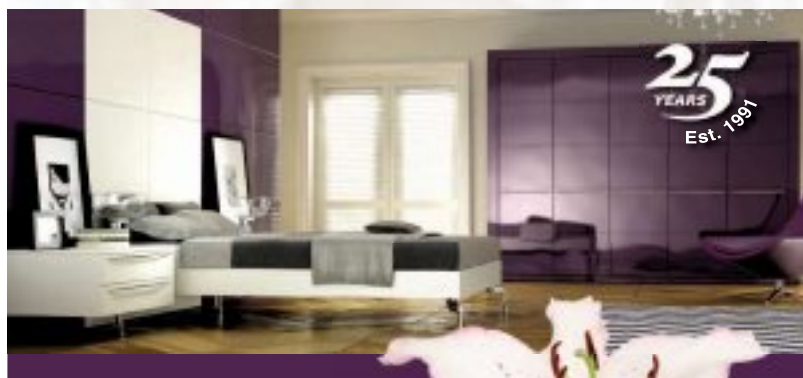
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Opening farmed out to presenter

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE public will be officially welcomed to the city's new nature reserve later this month when it is opened by a well-known TV presenter.

The Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve in Old Wolverton will be opened by farmer and Countryfile presenter Adam Henson on Thursday, August 25.

Visitors will be able to look around the site from 1.30pm to 4pm and take part in a number of activities, including guided walks, bird spotting and bug hunting.

There will also be a talk from Adam at 2.30pm with a chance to meet him.

Since 2007, The Parks Trust, with help from building materials company Hanson UK, has been transforming 48 hectares of the Great Ouse Valley into a nature reserve.

A network of interlinked lakes, shallow pools, scrapes, channels, gravel islands and other wetland features provide the elements needed to return the area to what it



Countryfile: Presenter Adam Henson, inset, will be opening the Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve in Old Wolverton this month

might have looked like before the Bronze Age more than 5,000 years ago – a wildliferich floodplain forest.

Martin Kincaid, biodiversity officer at The Parks Trust, said: "The varied floodplain habitat will mature into a diverse ecosystem supporting a wide range of plants and insects, amphibians, birds, fish and mammals such as water vole.

"At this time of year, the new Floodplain Forest Nature

Reserve is humming with life. "The muddy margins of the lakes will attract migrating wading birds to feed.

"Species like lapwing and redshank breed on site and they may be joined by migrants like green and common sandpipers and dunlin, to name but a few.

"Dragonflies and damselflies abound and grasshoppers and bush-crickets can be heard singing in the long vegetation."

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'We need to help pupils find jobs'

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A CHARITY says there isn't enough being done to help young people get jobs when they leave school.

Tanja Kuveljic, the chief executive of Believe in Young People (BiYP) based in Silbury Boulevard, CMK, began the charity to help school leavers get their foot on the career ladder.

It has developed a programme that integrates employer-led careers and skills guidance into the curriculum and offers young people the chance to do structured work experience.

About 300 schools across the country are using the programme in their curriculum, including some in MK.

Students can also monitor their progress from years seven to 13 with a digital programme that shows how they are developing the skills and behaviours needed to enter the workplace.

The ultimate goal of the charity is to eliminate youth unemployment.

Tanja said: "There definitely



There definitely isn't enough being done...the system makes it very difficult for teachers to really implement employability and make sure it happens

Tanja Kuveljic

isn't enough being done because teachers are very busy people. Obviously they care about young people, but the current education system doesn't provide enough time to have a contracted approach to employability.

"Careers advice isn't a formal part of the curriculum and while it's good that apprenticeships are being encouraged, the system makes it very difficult for teachers to really implement employability and make sure it happens."

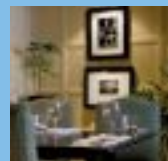
Another avenue BiYP is exploring alongside Milton

Keynes North MP Mark Lancaster is helping interested youngsters towards a career in the armed forces. Mr Lancaster said: "Providing young people with the chance to get on in life and have a rewarding career is an important initiative."

BiYP's programme comes after CBI and Pearson carried out an Education and Skills Survey that discovered 75 per cent of businesses feel the quality of careers advice in schools isn't good enough for young people to make informed decisions about their future.



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Is Your Pension Protected?

Almost all of us would not bat an eye lid at buying 'protection' for a phone or the contents of our houses, but what about pensions? Did you know that you actually have a cap on the amount you can pay into a pension before being taxed at 55% on the excess? As of April 2016, the Lifetime Allowance for each person was reduced from £1.25 million to £1 million. Now this might seem like a lot, and many people may never reach that limit, but it can catch you out without you realising!

I will give you an example.

- Joe is 60 and has worked as a Jeweller most of his life, building up quite a sizeable Final Salary Pension of £37,000 per annum on retirement at 65 with his current employer.
- He also has a few other pensions dotted about from various other employers in his career totalling roughly £400,000.
- When Joe first came to us he didn't believe that his pensions would ever exceed the £1,000,000 limit on his pensions.



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- What he didn't realise is that his Final Salary Pension was actually valued at £740,000 (HM Revenue and Customs value Final Salaries differently to normal pensions). This meant that Joe's pension pots totalled £1,140,000.
- In his current situation, Joe would be charged 55% on £140,000 – that's a £77,000 for simply being good at saving!

What's more, with 5 - 10 years before he was even going to think about retiring, it's likely that the value of his pensions would continue to increase, thus increasing his tax bill.

HMRC have a number of options for people in this situation. Individual Protection and Fixed Protection 2016

have been introduced for those people who want to protect their pension pot from this 55% tax charge. Both protections offer slightly different solutions based on whether or not you plan on making any more contributions in the future, but essentially could protect Joe's (and your) pension pots to a value of £1.25 million before any tax is paid – and it's free to take out these protections! Joe has saved himself £77,000 by simply applying for protection on his pension.

Another point to note is that the government have only ever been reducing the lifetime allowance in recent years – in the space of 5 years the Lifetime allowance has been reduced from £1.8 million to £1 million. So, if you think you might be lucky enough to have over £1 million in your pension, then now is definitely the time to do something about it.

It is important to seek professional advice before electing for these protections to avoid being caught out by nuances in their terms. Making the wrong election could be very costly!

A magic party for Harry Potter

WATERSTONES at intu Milton Keynes hosted a magical evening to celebrate the launch of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child.

There were 200 people in attendance to play games and get their hands on the new play, which has been a huge hit in the West End. People really got involved and Waterstones had some great costumes from both adults and children.



Fans: People at Waterstones for the launch of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Social Atlas returns but table has gone

BY SCOTT KIRK

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THE Social Atlas report on the city has returned for 2016 – but not as we know it.

Now called Milton Keynes Insight Report for 2016, the league tables that used to rank the estates from best to worst have not been included.

The findings in the report are:
■ Water Eaton has the highest total claimants of housing benefit and council

tax reduction.

■ Male workers who work full-time earn £148 (median gross weekly pay) more than women in Milton Keynes.

■ Three out of every 10 people are living with anxiety, while eight out of every 10 are satisfied with their life.

■ One in every eight pupils get Free School Meals (FSM). Water Eaton has the highest proportion of FSM pupils.

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were flytipping (48 per cent), noise from music (eight per cent) and abandoned vehicles (seven per cent). Places with the highest rate of domestic fire per 1,000 population were in Weston Underwood and Stacey Bushes in 2013/14.

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman said the report has changed due to the way the data is now collated and that a more detailed document is due to be released in the future.



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Crematorium tour part of open days

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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A TOUR of a crematorium is one of several events taking place to celebrate the area's history.

Milton Keynes Heritage Open Days is being run by Living Archive and will receive concentrated support from members of the Royal Institute of British Architects

(RIBA) this year. Architects will lead tours and provide architectural background during the heritage festival, which will run from September 8-11.

Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes Theatre, MK Gallery, MK Rose, The Stables and All Saints Church in Loughton are some of the sites that will offer talks or tours on these dates.

Rachael Wilson, chairwoman of the Buckinghamshire Society of Architects, said: "Local architects were very keen to join the dedicated and enthusiastic team of organisers, to help to tell the stories of the varied, unique architecture of Milton Keynes."

Events are also being held at Bletchley Park, Linford Manor and Westbury Arts Centre over the four days.



History: Take a look around the 13th century All Saints Church in Loughton with the warden, who is also an architect with Stern Thom Fehler that modernised the building to respond to the needs of today. Guided tours will run every hour between 10am till 6pm on September 10.



Stables: Behind the scenes tours run on September 10



Tour: Peter Hall of Sansome Hall is on hand to take visitors around the original crematorium building on September 10, while visitors can take a look around Oak Chapel on the same day



Talk: Architect Andrzej Blonski will be at the theatre and gallery on September 9



Remembered: Guided tours on September 10 will tell the story behind the granite columns installed at MK Rose



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Friday 4th November
Crafts for Christmas @ NEC, Birmingham



Crafts for Christmas at the NEC, Birmingham is the place to come for all your Christmas inspiration this year. From food and drink to gifts and home decorations, there is plenty to see and be inspired by. There will be a host of fabulous features on offer; inspiring craft workshops from the Women's Weekly team to enjoy; and some special show offers too.
Leaves MK at 09.00am and returns at 17.00
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Price includes return coach travel and entrance fee into Craft for Christmas.

Festive Gift Fair
Friday 11th November



The famous Festive Gift Fair is where Hall 12 at the NEC is transformed into a colourful Aladdin's cave, bursting at the seams with an eclectic mix of unusual presents as well as popular traditional favourites. 1000's upon 1000's of original Christmas presents, food and drink for you to browse and shop with some stalls holders even personalizing unique gifts while you wait.
Leaves MK at 9.00am leaves NEC Birmingham at 5.00pm
Price includes entrance and return coach travel.
Adults £25.00 each

Winchester Christmas market
Wednesday 7th December



Winchester Christmas Market was Founded in 2006, the Christmas Market celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Now recognised as one of the best in Europe with its unique location, high quality exhibitors and bustling atmosphere. Wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations and festive foods can be found in abundance. Leaves MK at 8.30am and leaves Winchester at 5.30pm. £22 Adults / £12 Children 5-16yrs - Price includes return coach travel, entrance into the Christmas market is free.

Thursford Christmas Spectacular
Thursday 15th December



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New cafe is opened by actor and boxer

BY SCOTT KIRK

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AN ACTOR from the film *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* and a boxer who fought Anthony Joshua were on hand to help open a new cafe on Thursday.

The Re-Use Community Project in Kiln Farm – a shop selling unwanted items – now has a cafe for hungry and thirsty shoppers after it got rid of the burger van it used to run at the site.

Re-used unwanted items have been used in the cafe, including the fridge and kitchen work tops.

Re-Use is owned by business partners John Mann and Margaret Mann, who are looking forward to welcoming customers to the cafe.

"The burger van we used to have here did really well but I gave it up to work on Re-Use," said Margaret, who once appeared on *Surprise Surprise* alongside John on account of the work she has done on the project.

"People had been asking where the burger van was so



Re-Use: John Mann and Margaret Mann at the cafe, which has been opened in Kiln Farm, with Lock Stock actor Dave Courtney

we decided to come up with the cafe."

John added: "It's so important to have places like this where we re-use items because we can't keep using landfills and people who can't afford some things can also come here."

Lock Stock actor Dave Courtney, a close friend of John's, was on hand to officially open the new cafe, while boxer Matt Legg, who

fought Joshua two years ago, was also at the launch event.

Dave said: "It's a good little project and it's healthy for the community so I'll always help with things like this."

The Re-Use Community Project, which was given a Point of Light award in recognition of the work of its volunteers by former Prime Minister David Cameron last year, is located in Burners Lane, Kiln Farm.



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A 'surprise' visit for favourite consultant

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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A PATIENT travelled more than 250 miles – just for an appointment with his favourite consultant.

Robert Thompson, 73, from Cumbria, attended Blakelands Hospital in Milton Keynes to see Cyril Marek, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon.

Mr Marek previously worked at Kendal NHS Treatment Centre in Cumbria and in 2010 performed knee replacement surgery for Mr Thompson.

Shortly after the operation the unit shut its doors.

The patient now requires a new hip and asked his GP to refer him back to Mr Marek, who now works at Blakelands Hospital.

And Mr Thompson was more than willing to travel for his treatment given how pleased he was with his surgery outcome and the service Ramsay Healthcare offered him previously.

Mr Thompson also did the same in 2012 when he needed his other knee replacing,



Friends: Robert Thompson, 73, travelled more than 250 miles to see Cyril Marek after he carried out his knee surgery in 2010

making numerous visits down to Blakelands Hospital and Horton Treatment Centre in Banbury for consultation, pre-op appointments, surgery and a follow up.

Mr Marek said "To my surprise, last week Mr Thompson appeared in my Blakelands clinic declaring that the knees are brilliant, praising our services again.

"He managed to go skiing a few times since his last surgery!

"He now unfortunately needs a total hip replacement, but has thankfully chosen Ramsay Healthcare once again."

Blakelands Hospital celebrated its 10th anniversary earlier this year and offers a wide and comprehensive range of clinical specialities from orthopaedics, including hip, knee and foot and ankle surgery, to ophthalmology, general and cosmetic surgery.

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Prescription for driving: Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel, left, and South Central Ambulance Service paramedic Alex Knapton swapped vehicles in a unique experience

Injection of fun

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE driving skills of a four-time Formula One world champion were given a health check when he swapped jobs with a paramedic.

Sebastian Vettel passed with flying colours when he jumped behind the unfamiliar wheel of a three tonne ambulance to go head-to-head with Alex Knapton, who also swapped his usual blue flashing lights for the iconic red of Ferrari.

The two drivers, acting as both teachers and students

for a day, coached each other on their professional driving style.

Alex, who works for South Central Ambulance Service, which covers Milton Keynes, said: "Getting the opportunity to swap the ambulance for the Ferrari 488 GTB was a dream come true!"

"It was an unbelievable experience to get that close to one of the stars of Formula One."

"Sebastian was on great form coaching on high performance driving tips and joking about the lack of a stereo system in the ambulance."

Vettel – who used to race for Tilbrook-based Red Bull – was tasked with sharing high performance driving tips in his Ferrari 488 GTB with a top speed of more than 200mph, before joining Alex on a lap of the track at Silverstone in his ambulance.

He said: "Paramedics play an essential role in motor-sport around the world and not just in Formula One. They need to perform to such high standards every day because people's lives depend on them."

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Rowers fundraising for new boathouse

BY SCOTT KIRK

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MK ROWING Club is embarking on an ambitious project to build a boathouse at the Caldecotte Lake-based club.

And the 100-member club is looking for businesses that are interested in sponsoring the project.

The boathouse is needed to store the boats and other equipment and allow the club to buy more. This will enable it to grow its membership and increase the number of people taking up the sport.

The club has already raised an impressive £38,000 towards its £50,000 target thanks to support from Milton Keynes Council, MK Community Foundation and other fundraising initiatives.

Louise Rivett, chairman of the club, said: "The project, which has the support of MK Council, LEAP, our County Sports Partnership and British Rowing, has been the focus of our club for the last few years.

"The need follows the success and popularity of the club and its increasing



New boathouse: Members of MK Rowing Club are raising funds

membership, which is reflected in our achievements in local, regional and international competitions.

"We are proud to have been awarded Club of the Year for the second time by Sport MK and this has attracted more people to our club.

"Now we need to find a storage solution to allow us to grow our fleet of boats and to turn our current storage area in to a space for training equipment."

The club, which is renowned

for its fundraising initiatives by its members, including rowing the English Channel, a 24-hour rowathon and running the MK Half Marathon while carrying a boat, will be holding a free Rock up and Row event on August 27. It will take place from 11.30am to 2pm at the Watersports Centre on South Caldecotte Lake.

Anyone interested in helping with the boathouse project can email supportus@mkrowing.org

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The pioneering initiative is part of work by intu and the National Autistic Society to bring better awareness and support for autistic shoppers and their families.

Virtual reality: Headsets were available at intu

Speeding OAP is put behind bars

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A PENSIONER has been sent to prison for perverting the course of justice after blaming his speeding offences on somebody else.

Klaus Maurer, 70, of Parsley Close, Walnut Tree, was convicted on July 26 after pleading guilty at Oxford Crown Court to perverting the course of public justice. At the same court hearing he was given a

sentence of six months in prison and disqualified from driving for nine months. He was also ordered to pay £330 costs.

Between July 2014 and April 2015, speeding offences involving a vehicle were detected on seven occasions in High Wycombe, Stewley, Aylesbury and on the A6 Bedford Road.

On each occasion Maurer, who was the rightful owner of the vehicle, was sent paper-

work asking him to nominate the driver of the vehicle at the time of the offence and on each occasion he replied nominating a woman at an address in London. On each occasion the paperwork was returned to the police stating no person of that name lived at the address.

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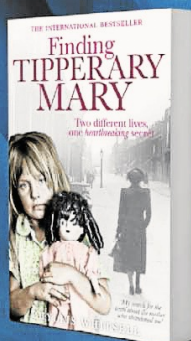


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Round and About MK

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Urban Roots Festival

THE Urban Roots Festival will be celebrating the city's culture on Saturday, August 27. Bohemian Dreams will be hosting the festival at Willen Lake from 11am until late. With an incredible mixture of chart topping performers, captivating live entertainment and mouth-watering dishes from around the world, the event is a must for the whole family. Tickets are £15 for adults and £5 for under 16s. Entrance is free for under 10s. Read more at onemk.co.uk

Pretty Muddy is back

RACE for Life Pretty Muddy returns to Milton Keynes next month. The 5k muddy inflatable obstacle course is where women in pink can show cancer who's boss. You must be over 13 years old to take part. The event at Willen Lake South will take place on September 10 and entry costs between £10 and £19. Find out more at onemk.co.uk

Open water swim

DID you know Willen Lake is hosting Open Water Swimming Sessions throughout this month and next? Whether you are training, or just want to give it a try, it costs £4 per single swim. You must be 18 and you can pay at Willen reception. The sessions are held every Tuesday from 6.30am to 8am.

Walk this way

THE Women's Walking Network with The Parks Trust will be visiting Willen Lake North on September 1. Get to know your parks better and make some new friends. The four to five-mile walk starts at 10am and costs £1 per adult. No booking is required and you can meet in the car park on the V11 Tongwell Street near Pineham roundabout.



Hospice hopes to see largest Zumba class

WILLEN Hospice is hoping to hold the city's biggest ever Zumbathon at Middleton Hall in the centre of MK next month.

Local radio station MKFM will be there supplying the beats and refreshments will be available.

All the money raised will help support the hospice in its daily fundraising target of £10,000.

Sarah Sweet-Rowley, events manager at Willen Hospice, said: "We need your help to make this the biggest Zumba event Milton Keynes has ever seen!"

"This is a great opportunity to have fun and be a part of something special."

Entry to the event, on Sunday, September 18 at 9am, is £10 if pre-booked at willen-hospice.org.uk or £12 on the day.

If this is not your cup of tea, there is also the Ride for Willen on Bank Holiday Monday (August 29). Find out how you can sign up at onemk.co.uk

Above: The Zumbathon team getting ready at Middleton Hall
Below: Get on your bike on Bank Holiday Monday to support Willen



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Patients will now return to the Willen GP surgery

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AFTER its sudden closure three years ago and the controversy trying to save it, Willen Surgery is to reopen to patients next week.

The practice, now known as NPMC@Willen, will open to patients on Monday and alongside GP services offered by two new doctors there will be nursing and physiotherapy.

On Saturday between 8am and noon patients will have the chance to register at the refurbished surgery, in Beaufort Drive, Willen, which will be reopening as a branch of Newport Pagnell Medical Centre (NPMC).

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, was delighted to learn that the immense strain placed upon neighbouring



Reopening: Lynn Becks, Caroline Rollings and Wendy Kerr from NPMC are excited by the return of the surgery

surgeries in Newport Pagnell, Broughton Gate and Oakridge Park is about to be alleviated.

As Milton Keynes Council revealed last week, there is an urgent need to improve GP services locally and its health and adult social care committee will be contacting NHS England and Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group to try to resolve the pressures.

Mr Lancaster said: "I am delighted that after a long campaign we have finally achieved the outcome we all hoped for, the reopening of the surgery."

As previously reported by OneMK, the surgery suddenly closed in April 2013 when Dr Agnelo Lobo 'resigned his contract' with just one day's notice leaving up to 4,000 patients without a registered GP. In March

2014 NPMC expressed its interest in running the site and talks started with NHS England.

Investor Duncan Mason said: "It has been a long process, so to now be reopening is satisfying."

"When the surgery closed, patients were thrown to all four corners of MK so it is nice to offer a local facility once again."

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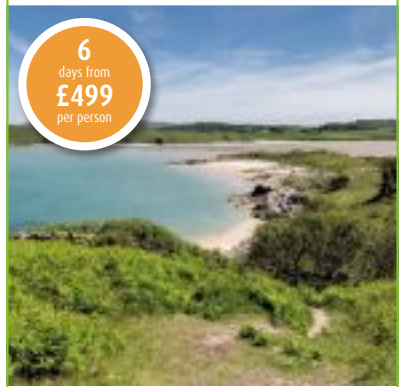
How to get in touch with your parish councillors Philip and Derek

WHETHER you want to discuss an issue or promote an event in Willen, councillors Philip Shrimpton and Derek Taylor are the people you need to speak to at Campbell Park Parish Council.

Cllr Shrimpton said: "Quite simply, Willen is Milton Keynes' best kept secret. We have a village feel with amazing activities on our doorstep. "As we are now contactable 24/7 via philip.shrimpton@campbell-park.gov.uk and on 07813 093304, I do not hold surgery events as such. But being a small community I am in close contact with many residents and act to resolve any issues."

Cllr Taylor added: "Willen is a lovely estate and I feel very lucky to be living here. The residents here have the best of all worlds. "Both Phil and I are here to help with any queries or concerns residents in Willen may have."

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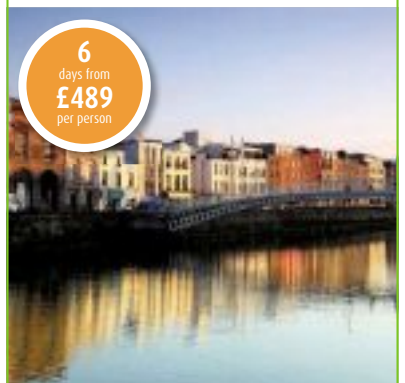
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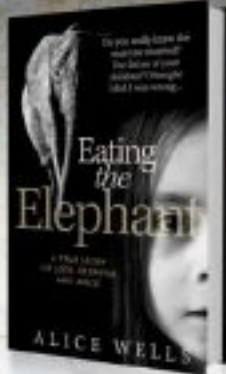
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Another cab driver fined for 'blagging'

BY SCOTT KIRK

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ANOTHER cab driver has been prosecuted for unlawfully plying for hire – known as 'blagging' – after an operation by Milton Keynes Council and the police.

Jonson Olukeye Okuribido, of Redbourne Court, Stony Stratford, appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court last Wednesday and admitted to plying for hire and driving

without valid motor insurance. He was fined £225 and ordered to pay £845 in costs with a £20 victim surcharge. He also received six points on his licence for the no insurance offence.

Private hire drivers can only pick up passengers by prior appointment otherwise their car insurance is invalid.

The court was told that on August 15, 2015 officers acting as members of the public engaged the driver on

a journey that had not been pre-booked. As the officers got into the vehicle Okuribido tried to make the booking.

Neil Allen, head of regulatory services at the council, said: "This case will hopefully send a powerful message to clearly show the consequences that await any licensed driver who fails to follow the law."

As reported last week, three other drivers have also been fined for picking up passengers illegally in the city.



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Open Day: Milton Keynes Sailing Club is hosting a free open day on August 27 to celebrate the award of the funding, which is being used to renovate the changing rooms at Caldecotte Water Sports Centre. Club members range in age from five to in their 80s and racing takes place on Sundays and on Wednesday evenings, light permitting

Sail to success

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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A SAILING club is riding the wave of Olympic euphoria after being awarded a grant for nearly £42,000.

Milton Keynes Sailing Club (MKSC) is toasting success after receiving the money from the Inspired Facilities fund of Sport England – created to preserve the legacy of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The funds are being used to renovate the changing rooms at Caldecotte Water Sports Centre and work is already

underway. Brian Naylor, development officer for MKSC, has labelled the funding a 'huge achievement' for the club, which will provide a 'great benefit' to the whole city.

He said: "We were quite pessimistic about our chances of receiving funding so when we got the positive news it was quite exciting."

"Sport England received 624 applications requesting £42million of investment against an available lottery budget of just £10million."

"So to be successful through an extremely thorough appli-

cation process is an amazing outcome."

The project has also received support from Milton Keynes Council, The Parks Trust, LeapSport, Royal Yachting Association and British Canoeing.

Work on the changing rooms is expected to be completed by the autumn.

MKSC are celebrating the funding award by hosting a free open day on August 27.

Mr Naylor added: "Caldecotte is one of the best kept secrets in Milton Keynes – it is absolutely gorgeous to go out and sail on."

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A RACEHORSE owner is giving people in Milton Keynes the chance to own their own racehorse.

Lee Bearman from Cranfield owns a handful of horses, two of which have won races.

The animals are based at Mike Murphy's training stable at the Broadlands Manor Stud Farm in Westoning.

Mr Bearman believes this is as close as people in Milton Keynes can get to being involved in the sport, with there being no racetrack in the city.

To get involved, email lee@mkhorseracing.co.uk



Owners

PEOPLE can own a horse just for the day and Lee is keen to offer it in return for helping to pay for expenses like transport.

In return, people can gain access to the parade ring and all the other perks that owners receive, such as being able to watch races from the best parts of a racetrack.

Of course, full ownership or part ownership as part of a syndicate are also on the table.

Winners

TWO of Lee's horses have already won races.

Thee and Me won his first race with the team at Wolverhampton on April 1.

He is a gelding to the famous Canford Cliffs, who won £1.5million during his career.

Ashford Islands is another horse owned by Lee and he won on his second ever outing for the team at Chelmsford City on March 31, winning by one-and-a-quarter lengths.

Football

JOCKEYS on horses that run for Lee ride in the colours of MK Dons.

He has a background in football that included being on the books for Wimbledon. He ended up playing for non-league sides such as Newport Pagnell Town and Bedford Town, with him later managing the latter club.

Murphy

MIKE Murphy is the trainer who works with all of Lee's horses at his stable in Westoning, just off junction 12 of the M1. Mike was an analyst in the city before he set up as a trainer in 2007, having previously owned horses and ridden them as an amateur.

He initially divided his time between the city and horse racing until he retired from analysing in 2014.

Take the reins:
Stable girl
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Thee and Me

Bearman

HELPING Milton Keynes people get into the sport is a real focus for Lee. He said: "It's important to me to involve people from Milton Keynes and have that element because I grew up here."

"Mike Murphy has such a beautiful yard that we're involved with."

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The 20-year-old from Bedford has picked up some A-list support in recent months having opened for The Libertines earlier in the year and performing as a guest vocalist with headliners Chase & Status at Wireless Festival last month.

At Wireless the audience had the first chance to hear the song he has co-written and recorded

for the electronic superstars' forthcoming new album.

A little closer to home Tom will be at the Craufurd in Wolverton on Saturday at 7.30pm.

Supporting Tom on the night will be Euan Emerton – a local singer-songwriter who possesses an ability to deliver lyrics that truly connect, relate and communicate with his audience. In 2013, at the tender age of 13, Euan made it through to the regional finals of Teen Star.

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Have a laugh: Robert Powell and Liza Goddard will be starring in *Relatively Speaking* in November

AS MILTON Keynes Theatre takes its summer break MK LIFE takes a look at what the autumn season has in store

A SUNNY Afternoon brings the summer holidays to a close as the tale of *The Kinks*' rise to stardom kicks the season off.

Top stars are heading our way with Gareth Gates in *Footloose* and Alexandra Burke in *Sister Act*.

Direct from the West End, *The Commitments* will have you dancing in the aisle and on stage the dance phenomenon *Cats* returns to MK after its sell out run at the London Palladium.

Bridging the gap between musicals and drama, great hits by Donna Summer, Hot Chocolate and Tom Jones are the soundtrack for *The Full Monty* and songs from a different era accompany the stylish and sophisticated *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, which is guaranteed to sparkle like a diamond.

Drama fans can also look forward to Robert Powell and Liza Goddard in Alan Ayckbourne's *Relatively Speaking* – a wonderful, funny and charmingly British play.

Strictly stars Jay and Aliona, along with Robin Windsor and Anya Garnis, will waltz and tango across the stage and the



Opera: Mozart's *Don Giovanni* will be performed in November

whole family can enjoy a little bit of seasonal magic from English National Ballet as more than 100 dancers and musicians bring *Nutcracker* to life for an unforgettable Christmas treat.

Opera comes in the form of Glyndebourne, which this year brings Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* and Mozart's *Don Giovanni*.

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Fancy footwork: Gareth Gates will be strutting his stuff on the stage in *Footloose* in October



WILLEN Lake is Milton Keynes' most popular park and it's open all year round.

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WOUBURN Safari Park ranger BOB STREATFEILD tells MK LIFE about the new faces visitors can expect to see during the school summer holidays

HELLO! School's out and the summer has officially started at Woburn Safari Park.

There has been lots happening recently, including new arrivals in the African Forest and important charity events.

Last weekend saw the annual Amur Tiger Charity Weekend take place in aid of the Amur Leopard and Tiger Alliance (ALTA). This fantastic charity raises money and awareness to ensure the future survival of these beautiful big cats. It was a brilliant weekend with lots of fun and money raised.

There's also not long to go

until our TUSK Charity Evening on Thursday, August 25.

TUSK works hard for the conservation of animals around the world.

The African Forest is also home to some new faces, all of whom are settling in well among the large troop of Barbary macaques.

I just love when you drive around at this time of year and see all the adorable little babies looking back at you!

Woburn Safari Park is open daily throughout the summer holidays from 10am to 6pm, with last entry at 5pm. I hope to see you all soon.



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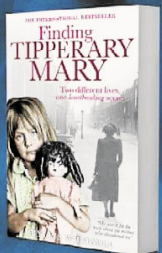
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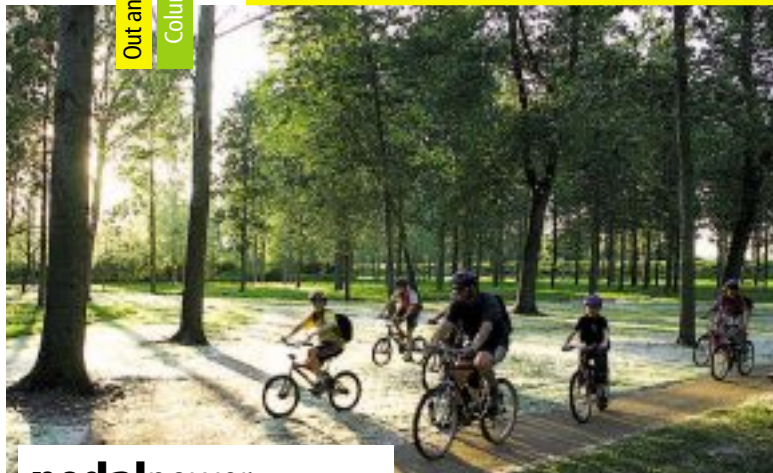
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IF YOU fancy yourself as a Chris Froome or just a leisurely rider, get along to Station Square on Monday and have your bike checked out by the pros.

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summerfun

POTTER mania seems to be back with us following the release of the book and play *Harry Potter And The Cursed Child*.

At the opening gala performance a couple of weeks ago JK Rowling revealed that she has turned down more than 1,500 offers for Harry Potter spin-off projects in the last 10 years.

"I think I've had probably three offers a week for the past decade to do either a musical or a play or an ice show or an opera – you name it, I've been asked to do it."

Harry Potter on ice...can you imagine it!

If you're struggling for ideas to keep the kids occupied for the next few weeks, we have a team of Heart Angels face painting and taking your pictures at the giant beach in Middleton Hall at the centre:mk.

It's open every day until Sunday, September 4.

Meanwhile, over at Xscape there's a chance for you to become an official Guinness World Record Holder this weekend as the team will be there for the day on Saturday, with prizes to be won and great activities to take part in.

Finally, Heart's Happy Summer Days continues on air. Every day at 11am and 2pm we're giving you the chance to win up to £10,000. Keep listening to Heart to win!

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MODEL train enthusiasts can get a fix of digital command control on Saturday as SilverFoxDCC Model Railway Club holds its annual exhibition.

With more than 20 layouts on show and a host of trade stands, this year's show promises to be one of the biggest the Wolverton-based club has held.

Circuits on display will include OO and N gauge and youngsters will be thrilled to see the Thomas at SilverFox Island layout.

The event at Oakgrove School will be the club's sixth exhibition and it takes place from 10am to 4pm.

Tickets cost £5 for adults, £2.50 for three to 16-year-olds and £12 for a family of two adults and two children (under 16).



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fridayfilm

AS SOON as you see Catherine Deneuve in bed with a gorilla, you know it's going to be an interesting Friday Night Film at MK Gallery.

The Brand New Testament is a fantastical black comedy that puts God in a drab flat in modern-day Brussels. Petty and vindictive, this God giggles as he forces toast to land jam-side down and ensures whichever queue his chosen victim is in lasts the longest.

The film, which is French with English subtitles and is certificate 12, will be shown on Friday at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 (concessions £3) from mkgallery.org



macmillanmusic

MUSIC for Macmillan at The Slug and Lettuce in the Theatre District on Friday offers a great night of vocals and a raffle.

Tickets costing £10 include a glass of the sparkling stuff and a buffet with all profits going to We Are Macmillan Cancer Support. The event starts at 7.30pm.

allaboard!

JOURNEY through Sodor and get ready to race to the finish line in Middleton Hall at the centre:mk on August 17 and 18.

There's lot to do as Thomas and Friends will be stationed at the platform ready to start an adventure.

This free event is perfect for every child that loves Thomas activities, including searching for gold, puzzle building, photo opportunities and much more.

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summervibes

TAKE the family, a picnic and a fold up chair to hear some good sounds at the Summer Vibes Festival.

There will be DJs playing all the feel good music that you love from the present day and yesteryear, along with a host of live acts, including SaySay, pictured, at The Scots Sport and Social Club in Selbourne Avenue, Bletchley, on Saturday from noon.

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I am a white caring lady, a young 55, seeking a caring black man for meals out, pubs, walking out, or just cosy nights in. Text only Mailbox: 5158879

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LAURA, single mum, 29yrs, blue eyed blonde, fair skinned, pretty. Lonely and seeking adult company when the kids are in bed! ACA. Text Only Box: 4161735

ALISON 35, stunning, busty and fun, looking for a caring black man for meals out, pubs, walking out, or just cosy nights in. Text only Mailbox: 423257

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JENNY 38, petite, bubbly blue eyed babe, always on the go, WLTm unattached fun male to see what the love brings. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423091

KERRY 39, independent curvy brunette, sensual, tactile, loves cuddles and kisses, seeks cheeky, spontaneous guy to keep her company and make her smile again. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423059

ATTRACTIVE energetic mature lady, looking for well-travelled, solvent companion for holidays, dining out and days away. Text only Mailbox: 5502846

KATHY 40ish, passionate, outgoing, adventurous red haired lady looking for adventure, seeks tall good looking guy for a relaxed no strings relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423005

IRENE 55, sensual, very fair slim blonde, striking green eyes seeks young at heart dark male who has plenty of fun ideas. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422861

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PAT, petite blonde lady, GSOH, young looking for her age, seeks genuine gent any age with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422393

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male seeking

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BEN, kind caring gent, 37yrs, very tall and well built with curly black hair. Own home, good job, just missing a special lady. Text Only Box: 4158248

RYAN, spontaneous, GSOH, tactile seeks pretty lady friend/LTR. Cams area. Text only Mailbox: 4886067

MALE, 56, kind-hearted would like to meet female early or late 50s. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

CHRISTIAN gent, friendly and bubbly, goes to church every Sunday, hobbies include motor sports, cycling, playing snooker/darts, taking my dog for a walk, WLTm friendly and outgoing lady. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423279

MALE, 48, looking for fun, no strings, with a lady in the same position, age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 421911

MALE wishes to meet female, early to late 50s for nights in and nights out. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

ROGER young minded, 67, very adventurous, looking for a lady 40 years old upwards who is smart and would like to enjoy times with me. Text only Mailbox: 5350823

IAN, 56, kind hearted, likes anything in life, WLTm female early to late 50s. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

WIDOWER young outlook, genuine, caring and considerate gent, GSOH WLTm a genuine lady, similar age. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 5503258

BOB, young at heart, active 66 year old widower, genuine, honest, caring and considerate gent with a GSOH, WLTm a genuine kind and caring lady, who like me would like a LTR. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 423115

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ADRIAN 47, seeks easy going female for fun times. Text only Mailbox: 4756333

MALE, 72, smart, fit, enjoys life, country walks and the coast, pub lunches, fun to be with, seeks similar female, Cambridge/Suffolk/Norfolk areas preferred. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422995

CLIVE 60, single gent, looking for open-minded lady about 60-80, looks not important, for mutual fun. Text only Mailbox: 5450831

BLACK male, 50, bubbly personality, WLTm plus size white female, for friendship leading to possible LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422573

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AGELESS guy who's lived several lifetimes, looking for a woman he can cherish, and who'll take care of him in return. 30-50. Text only Mailbox: 5480502

YOUNG 60yr old male into days out, dining out, walks, gardening, WLTm single lady for friendship relationship. Text only Mailbox: 5468929

MIKE, 64, outgoing person, enjoys life, likes sport, cricket, nice meals out, holidays, WLTm someone to share interests and quality time. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422329

JAMES 44, 6ft blue eyes and single, looking for that special lady for LTR. I enjoy walking, visits to the pub and animals. Text only Mailbox: 4359515

MATURE male seeks female, any age/status not important for casual fun. Nice flat, nice car. Witney. Text only Mailbox: 4417158

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gay seeking

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63YR old bi male seeks Asian male for lots of fun times. Text only Mailbox: 4172093

MUSCULAR bi guy, 48, seeks weekday fun with a Milton Keynes guy, any age/size/colour. Cannot accommodate. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422697

BI guy looking to meet other gay/bi guy. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422433

SIMON, tall, slim, smooth, WLTm someone for fun times, so get in touch! Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 422161

I would like to meet a bi male for some good fun aged 50 plus, if interested please get in touch. Text only Mailbox: 4179998

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A novelist's room, without a view

IF THE questions on highbrow TV quiz show Only Connect baffle you, you also might not realise that the name itself is from a well-known book.

The BBC2 programme hosted by Victoria Coren Mitchell, where teams compete to find connections between seemingly unrelated clues, takes its title from a quotation in E.M. Forster's *Howards End*: "Only connect the prose and the passion, and both will be exalted, and human love will be seen at its highest. Live in fragments no longer."

Forster had five novels published in his lifetime – most of them movie material. Three were made into films by Merchant-Ivory – *A Room with a View*, *Howards End* and *Maurice* – while David Lean directed *A Passage To India*.

Forster kept a London flat from 1925, although he spent much of his life with his widowed mother Lily in Surrey. Forster moved from Bloomsbury



to Arlington Park Mansions in October 1939, partly to escape central London following the outbreak of war, and also to be closer to his friend and lover Bob Buckingham in Shepherd's Bush. Forster spent one or two days a week at his top-floor flat, travelling with a small bag by bus and train, as he regarded taxis, "a vulgar extravagance". The thrifty writer used the flat

as a pied-à-terre until his death in 1970.

This one-bedroom, ground floor maisonette in the building is now up for sale at £525,000. This blue plaque property opposite Turnham Green has been recently renovated and has its own private access.

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House where union martyrs met

HUNDREDS of festival-goers spurned Glastonbury and Bestival to rub shoulders with Jeremy Corbyn and actress Maxine Peake last month at the annual Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival.

The antithesis of a corporate music event, it's all about folk music and real ale drinking rounded off with some lively political debate at the Dorset village, which hosts a musical gathering and march of trades union members, socialist politicians and activists who gather to lay a wreath on one of the Tolpuddle Martyrs' graves.

Dorset farm labourer George Loveless and five fellow workers – his brother James, James Hammett, James Brine, Thomas Standfield and Thomas's son John – were deported to Australia in 1834.

The men were charged with having taken an illegal oath and forming a trade union to protest about their meagre pay of six shillings a week – the equivalent



of 30p in today's money and the third wage cut in as many years.

However, the working class rose up in support of the men; a huge demonstration marched through London and an 800,000-strong petition was delivered to Parliament. After three years, the government relented and they returned home with free pardons and as heroes.

The oldest, Thomas Standfield

was co-founder of the Tolpuddle Union and many of their meetings were held in the upstairs room of his three-bedroom cottage, now on the market for £300,000.

This piece of history is Grade I listed, has a sitting room with open fire, kitchen-diner, with one of the bedrooms leading up to the secret meeting room/loft.

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Lisa Presley's heartbreak house for sale



Lisa Marie Presley looks to be heading to the divorce court for the fourth time after splitting from hubby Michael Lockwood.

Elvis's only daughter wants a legal separation from her former guitarist and record producer husband, whom she wed in 2006 in Japan, blaming irreconcilable differences for their split.

The mother-of-four, 48, has demanded full custody of the couple's twin seven-year-old daughters, Harper and Finley.

She was previously married to Danny Keough – who's dad to her other two children Riley

and Ben – as well as Michael Jackson and Nicholas Cage.

Before they suffered from suspicious minds, the couple had been cosy at her sprawling 15th century, 50-acre manor house complete with three swimming pools near Rotherfield in East Sussex.

Presley chose the English countryside over her mansion in Los Angeles and threw herself into village life for a while, playing darts and drinking Guinness and champagne in the nearby Kings Arms. The

singer-songwriter, who inherited Elvis's \$100m fortune at 25, even spent a stint helping

out in the mobile fish and chip van.

Grade II-listed Coes Hall boasts 11 bedrooms, a circular garden room with views over the garden and lake, as well as stables, paddocks and a cottage in the grounds. The period pad also has a gym, entertainment room and bar, billiard room two staff/guest apartments.

It's a good job she's not pushed for cash as, according to the Land Registry, Presley bought Coes Hall in 2010 for £5.8m but is only asking a mere £4.5m.

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CHEEKY chappie George Formby was loved by millions for his gormless musical comedy act as a loveable working class hero, and catchphrase "Turned out nice again."

Since his death, he's become a cult figure with hundreds of fan clubs around the world – it even transpired earlier this year that the Queen had toyed with becoming President of the George Formby Society. But the ukulele-strumming entertainer was a notorious womaniser married to an alcoholic and strong-willed wife. He later became engaged seven weeks after his wife died.

Formby came from a wealthy family with a dark history – his grandmother was a prostitute and his father was a bigamist – and his own home life became equally colourful as he argued constantly with wife and manager Beryl. The former music hall star went on to make popular movies, earning up to £35,000 per film, although Beryl only gave him five shillings (25p) a week pocket money.



As Formby's popularity faded he developed depression and an addiction to morphine prescribed for heart disease. He got engaged to teacher Pat Howson but died a year later, aged 56, two days before they were due to marry in 1961.

Formby grew up in this Edwardian detached house in the village of Stockton Heath,

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The fast-paced film was a far cry from the Oscar-winning actor's more serious roles, such as soft-hearted Jamie Bennett in 2003 rom-com Love Actually. Betrayed by an unfaithful girlfriend, he hopes to forget his troubles by immersing himself in writing a crime novel in the south of France.

The house where the



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LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

Listed building consent for replacement of front and rear external doors at Earl Row, 7 Market Square, Hanslope

LISTED BUILDING

Advertisement consent for installation of internally illuminated external way finding signage, removal of existing entrance portals to expose travertine portals beneath (including repair and replacement where necessary) and installation of chrome stainless steel fascia's and surrounds at The Centre Mk Shopping Building, Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes

Internally illuminated external way finding signage, removal of existing entrance portals to expose travertine portals beneath (including repair and replacement where necessary) and installation of chrome stainless steel fascia's and surrounds at The Centre Mk Shopping Building, Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes

Installation of an ATM through the existing glazing at 502 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes

Advertisement consent for 1 x internally illuminated fascia sign above the ATM fascia at 502 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes

Listed building consent for internally illuminated external way finding signage, removal of existing entrance portals to expose travertine portals beneath (including repair and replacement where necessary) and installation of chrome stainless steel fascia's and surrounds at The Centre Mk Shopping Building, Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes

Construction of an equestrian ménage (resubmission of 16/01141/FUL) at Hales Folly Farm, Hartwell Road, Hanslope

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

MAJOR

Construction of public footbridge over railway line to replace existing level crossing at Land At School Crossing, Cranfield Road, Woburn Sands

Variation of condition 25 attached to planning permission 11/00251/FUL to allow a sub division of existing retail space for a proposed 670m2 retail unit to be created for the purposes of retail sales of furniture, floor coverings, household textiles, domestic appliances, audio-visual, photographic, optical goods and any ancillary goods at Leisure Plaza, South Row, Central Milton Keynes

Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) for minor material amendment to Planning application 15/02678/FUL to revise location of access off Warwick Avenue. At Community Reserve Site CM4, Land At Junction of Haven Street, Warwick Avenue And Watercross Way, Broughton Gate

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

An appeal has been lodged by Francis Jackson Homes Ltd against the refusal of the planning application 15/02299/OUT for the Outline application (access) for a proposed residential development of up to 50 dwellings, estate road, open space and associated works (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale - reserved matters) at Land to South of Lavendon Road Farm, Lavendon Road, Olney.

It has been decided that this appeal will be dealt with on the basis of a hearing, which you may attend, and at the inspector's discretion, give your views. The public inquiry will be held at **The Council Chambers, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ at 10am on 23 August 2016.**

For further details please contact Planning Enquiries, Development Control, Milton Keynes Council, Tel: 01908 252358.

ANNA ROSE

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Licensing Notices

LICENSING ACT 2000

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE I CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE NOTICE is hereby given that **Frank's Bistro Ltd** Has applied to the LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a ALCOHOL LICENCE / OFF SALES & ON SALES.

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The following licensable activities are proposed during the following times:

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Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursdays between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing

Any person or responsible authority may make representations either against or in support of the application in writing by the following date: **26 Aug 2016.**

To the following address:

LICENSING TEAM

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

CIVIC OFFICES, 1 SAXON GATE EAST, MILTON KEYNES MK9 3EJ

01908 252800, Email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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TITLES OF INTENDED TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (ROAD & FOOTPATH CLOSURES):-

- 1) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads and Parts of Roads in Olney and Wavendon) (Temporary Closure) Order 2016
- 2) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads or Parts of Roads in Central Milton Keynes, Heelands, Middleton, Olney and Wolverton) (Temporary Closures) Order 2016
- 3) The Council Of The Borough Of Milton Keynes (Market Place, Olney) (Temporary Closure) (No.2) Order 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make the above Orders under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles and pedestrians from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of roads and footpath in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out to Anglian Water equipment in the highway:

The following length of road will be closed on 25th August 2016:-

- Cross End, Wavendon – From its junction with Lower End Road to number 2 Cross End.

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Lower End Road and Newport Road (and vice versa)

The following length of road will be closed from 28th August 2016 to 31st August 2016:-

- East Street, Olney – From its junction with Fairfield Close to its junction with Palmers Road.

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Silver Street, High Street and Holes Lane (and vice versa)

Any person committing a breach of the above temporary traffic regulation Orders will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make the above Orders under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles and pedestrians from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:

The following lengths of road will be closed on 24th August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- Cresswell Lane, Central Milton Keynes – At its junction with Midsummer Boulevard.

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via the South side access road for Midsummer Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard (and vice versa)

- Church Street, Wolverton – From its junction with McCorquodale Road to its junction with Anson Road.

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via McCorquodale Road, Stratford Road and Anson Road (and vice versa).

The following length of road will be closed on 25th August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- East Street, Olney – Its entire length

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Silver End, A509 High Street and Holes Lane (and vice versa).

The following length of road will be closed on 26th August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- Silver End, Olney – From its junction with High Street to its junction with Palmers Road

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via A509 High Street, Holes Lane, East Street and Palmers Road (and vice versa).

- Claridge Drive, Middleton – From its junction with Bowling Leys to its junction with H7 Chaffron Way.

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via H7 Chaffron Way, V11 Tongwell Street and Griffith Gate.

The alternative route for Walton Road will be via H7 Chaffron Way, V11 Tongwell Street, Griffith Gate and Broughton Road.

The following length of road will be closed on 30th August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- Langcliffe Drive, Heelands – From its junction with East Dales to its junction with Aldergill

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative will be via Arncliffe Drive.

Access to business and residential properties will be maintained.

Any person committing a breach of the above temporary traffic regulation Orders will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, intends to make an order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event, which is being promoted by Deirdre Bethune, namely the 2016 'Olney Food Festival', the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along the southern and eastern sides of Market Place, Olney. It is anticipated that the closure will be in operation on Saturday 10th September 2016 and Sunday 11th September 2016. The closure will be in effect when the appropriate signs are in place.

Whilst this closure is in effect the alternative route for all traffic will be High Street, Holes Lane, East Street and Silver End, Olney and vice versa.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles on operational duties and any vehicles being used in connection with the event.

The order will come into operation on Saturday 10th September 2016 at 05.30 am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days or until the completion of the event whichever shall be the sooner. It is expected that the event will remain in effect until 6.30 pm on Sunday 11th September 2016.

A copy of the proposed order, a statement of reasons for proposing the order and a map showing the areas referred to, may be inspected at Central Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard and during normal opening hours and at the offices of Milton Keynes Council, at the address below, during normal office hours, quoting reference number PH-S16A-TTRO-803.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion routes can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

TITLES OF MADE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (ROAD & FOOTPATH CLOSURES):-

- 1) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads or Parts of Roads in Bletchley, Caldecotte, Giffard Park, Kingsmead, Olney and Wolverton) (Temporary Closure) Order 2016.

August 2016 made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles and pedestrians from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:

The following length of road will be closed on 10th August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- Water Eaton Road, Bletchley – From its junction with Windsor Street to its junction with Hunter Drive.

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Buckingham Road, V7 Saxon Street, Princes Way, Queensway, Vicarage Road, Aylesbury Street and Manor Road (and vice versa)

- Church Street, Wolverton – From its junction with Cambridge Street to its junction with Creed Street.

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Cambridge Street, Stratford Road and Creed Street (and vice versa).

- Hainault Avenue, Giffard Park – From its junction with Rothersthorpe to its junction with Shelsmore

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Clayton Gate V10 Brickhill Street, Redvers Gate, and Lacy Drive (and vice versa).

- V10 Brickhill Street, Milton Keynes – From its junction with H10 Bletcham Way to its junction with Caldecotte Lake Drive.

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route for local traffic will be via Caldecotte Lake Drive and Monellan Grove and Crescent

The alternative route for all other traffic will be via H10 Bletcham Way and the A5.

The following length of road will be closed on 18th August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- Shenley Road, Kingsmead – From its junction with Briary View to its junction with Guildford Avenue.

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Coddimore Lane, A421 Standing Way, Snellshall Street and Guildford Avenue (and vice versa).

The following length of road will be closed on 19th August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- East Street, Olney – From its junction with Silver End to its junction with Fairfield Close

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Silver End, A509 High Street and Holes Lane (and vice versa).

The following length of road will be closed on 22nd August 2016 (for a maximum period of 4 hours):-

- Caldecotte Lake Drive, Caldecotte – Entire length to the west of Water Mill Roundabout

Whilst the above length of road is closed there will be no alternative route as it is a dead end road. Access to business and residential properties will be maintained.

Any person committing a breach of the above temporary traffic regulation Orders will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

TITLES OF PROPOSED PERMANENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS:-

- 1) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads within Bletchley, Great Linford, Leadenhall, Shenley Lodge and Willen) (Prohibition of Waiting and Loading Restrictions and Disabled Persons' Parking Places) Order 2016

- 2) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Various Roads, Linford Wood) (Prohibition of Waiting Restrictions) Order 2011) Variation Order 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above traffic regulation Order under section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed Order will have the following effects:-

1. The introduction of 'no waiting at time' restrictions along the access road leading to garages off St Georges Road, Bletchley;
2. The introduction of 'no waiting at time' and 'no Loading/un-loading at any time' restrictions along parts of St Ledger Drive and its junctions with Malins Gate and Gibbwin, Great Linford;
3. The introduction of 'no waiting at time' restrictions along parts of Fulwodes Drive and the access road leading the Milton Keynes Academy car park in Leadenhall;
4. The introduction of 2x disabled persons' parking places within the Caroline Haslett School car park in Shenley Lodge;
5. The introduction of 'no waiting at time' and 'no Loading/un-loading at any time' restrictions and 2x disabled persons' parking places along parts of Beaufort Drive and Landsborough Gate, Willen.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties.

The proposals come as a result of concerns over parking and traffic movement around Caroline Haslett School, Chestnuts Primary School Great Linford Primary School, Milton Keynes Academy and Willen Primary School during pick up and drop off times.

The Councils Road Safety Team have carried out assessments at each location and now propose to introduce various waiting and loading restrictions and disabled persons' parking places in order to help improve safety for children travelling to and from school and alleviate obstruction which is causing a danger to all motorists, pedestrians and cyclists and enable a safer environment to be achieved throughout the roads.

A copy of the proposed Order together with a map showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Order, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the Network TRO Manager, Highways Department, Public Realm Services Group, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY to be received no later than 31st August 2016 quoting reference PH-S1-TTRO-153.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed Order will affect all classes of vehicles and have the following effect:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along parts of Sunrise Parkway, Capital Drive, Rockingham Drive and Foxhunter Drive in Linford Wood

The proposed waiting restrictions come as a result of complaints from various businesses in Linford Wood East Business Park regarding inconsiderate parking which is causing safety issues and obstruction at junctions and along parts of the above mentioned roads.

Consideration has been given to the needs of employee parking and therefore the proposals reflect the need to provide such parking. The proposed waiting restrictions have been kept to a minimum in order to allow as much parking for employees whilst maintaining safety at junctions and along parts of the road.

The implementation of the waiting restrictions will remove the dangerous and obstructive parking and maintain a safe and free flow of traffic, particularly for emergency vehicles and buses using the roads.

The above proposed restrictions will help to alleviate obstruction and encourage a safer environment for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and disabled persons badge holders.

A copy of the proposed Order together with a map showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Orders, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the Network TRO Manager, Highways Department, Public Realm Services Group, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY to be received no later than 31st August 2016 quoting reference PH-S1-TTRO-154.

TITLES OF MADE PERMANENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS:-

- 1) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Various Roads, Central Bletchley and Fenny Stratford) (Consolidation of Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2002) Variation Order 2016 (No.2)
- 2) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Central Bletchley) (One-Way Traffic) Order 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough has on 10th August 2016 made the above named Traffic Regulation Order under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in relation to the kerb realignment works which are to provide additional parking facilities on Aylesbury Street. The proposed Order will reduce the length of the no waiting at any time restriction along Aylesbury Street (west side) between Denmark Street and Vicarage Road.

Between 29th June and 20th July 2016 Milton Keynes Council carried out statutory consultation on the proposed waiting and parking restrictions. The Council received no objections to the proposals during this period.

The Order will come into effect on 11th August 2016.

Copies of the Order as made together with maps showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference PH-S1-TTRO-146.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 9th August 2016 made the above Traffic Regulation Order. The Order has been made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and relates to the Queensway Link Road Scheme in Central Bletchley. The traffic Order will have the following effects within the roads and parts of roads within Central Bletchley as stated below:-

- To introduce four one-way traffic systems along parts of Brooklands Road, Cambridge Street, Queensway and Westfield Road(as shown on the plan below:-

Statutory consultation on the proposed amendments was carried out between 29th June 2016 and 20th July 2016. During the consultation exercise Milton Keynes Council received no objections to the proposals.

The Order will come into effect on Monday 15th August 2016.

Copies of the Order as made together with a map showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference PH-S1-TTRO-150.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

The public notices for the above closures can be viewed in full at: <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/roads-highways-and-pavements/public-notices>.

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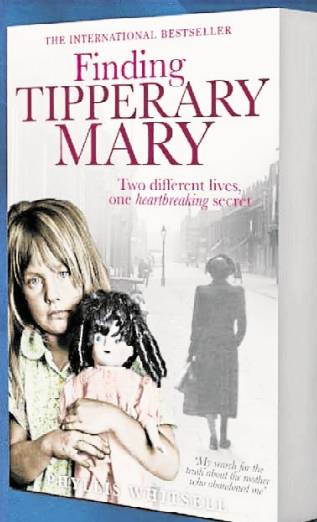


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Is your van punching above its weight?



By: Ian Johnson

TOWING a trailer is something many of us do from time to time, but shock figures indicate that more than half of van drivers don't know maximum load-carrying capacity of vehicles.

While adding a trailer behind your van to carry additional equipment may seem a simple process, a lack of knowledge about vehicle load

weights and towing laws could mean that drivers are potentially breaking the law.

Research undertaken by Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles found that a worrying 53 per cent of van drivers didn't know their vehicle's maximum load carrying capacity, and nearly half of businesses do not monitor the weights of company vehicles on a regular basis.

In 2015, the DVSA stopped over 10,800 vans on UK roads and found 89 per cent to be driving overloaded.

Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles is urging customers to ensure they know their vehicle's towing capacity before hitching up.

On a UK full car licence, anyone can drive up to 3.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). However, when adding a trailer, the laws become

more complicated, with restrictions on a permissible vehicle and trailer weights for those who obtained their driving licence after 1997.

Going above these weights (without the right licence or a tachograph being fitted can lead to large fines for businesses. Companies can also potentially face a court summons and even immobilisation of the vehicles for failing to comply.

Using the wrong vehicle for towing can also affect driving performance, for example reducing acceleration and increasing stopping distances, particularly in the wet, and can cause long term detrimental damage to the vehicle.

Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles says its Van Centre staff can help businesses select the right vehicle for their needs, ensuring vehicles are capable of towing the right weight.

If you passed your car driving test (category B) after January 19, 2013, you can tow small trailers weighing no more than 750kg or trailers over 750kg as long as the combined weight of the trailer and towing car or van is no more than 3.5 tonnes maximum authorised mass (MAM). MAM is the limit on how much the vehicle can weigh when it's loaded.

To tow anything heavier you need to pass the car and trailer driving test.

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By: Ian Donaldson

SOMETIMES you think car designers inhabit a different world from ordinary mortals, where everything is sporty, vibrant and exciting.

No it isn't. Sometimes we just want a car that will take the family from point A (home) to point B (school) or, in August, to point C (the airport).

If it manages that while keeping us safe and comfortable, not breaking down and not costing a fortune to run then it's job done. Car - give yourself a pat on the back.

And on those practical criteria the SEAT Alhambra you see here deserves an A-grade, comfortably.

It is undoubtedly safe (top marks in the official test), comfortable (and simply vast inside for people and luggage) and economical too (48mpg on test).

What the Alhambra most definitely not is 'sporty', especially with £250 worth of Pure White paint emphasising its sheer bulk. 'More like a smart minibus', said the Navigator-in-Chief at first glimpse of a car that will seat seven adults.

SEAT thinks that not only is their full-size people carrier 'sporty', it is also an 'emotional, engaging design' and has 'powerful lines'. What were they taking as those words were penned? Something stronger than tea, methinks.

To these eyes it is none of the above, and none the worse for it. Better in fact, as it follows a brief to act as full-on family holdall, not a sad interpretation of a misshapen Ferrari.

So let's ignore the hype and look at the car instead. Like the nearly identical, but almost £2,000 dearer VW Sharan, the Alhambra is one of a shrinking breed of proper people carriers in a world being taken over by more 'sporty' SUVs - there we go again.

You can enjoy the Alhambra's space and comfort from £24,680 in a model that comes with a 1.4-litre petrol engine. Most buyers will look for a diesel (not as 'sporty' of course.

but more sensible perhaps) and these start at £26,990 for a 2.0-litre unit like the one in this car.

At the top of the Alhambra pile is the £35,945 FR Line with 184 horsepower diesel, automatic gears and 35mph potential and 'sports' suspension (read, firmer) and, to emphasise the sporty inclination, floor mats with red piping.

I'd be happier with the less expensive and more down to earth Alhambra in SE trim tested here. It lacks for little, with standard kit running to 17 inch alloys, cruise control, climate control and ample examples of clever thinking that will make life less stressful with an Alhambra on the drive.

These range from an electronic brake that automatically holds the car once stopped until you engage the clutch and drive off, to storage compartments all over the place (hidden under seats, in the floor, atop the dash and, for £130, in drop down compartments in the roof).

Big sliding rear doors make it easy to clamber into the third row of seats and it is the work of a moment or two to flop rows two and three flat into the floor, leaving a load space so vast you could contemplate turning into a courier company.

FAST FACTS

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BLADEGLIDER RUNS AT RIO BY: STEWART SMITH



NISSAN is showcasing its BladeGlider all-electric, three-seater prototype sports car at the Olympic Games venue in Rio de Janeiro. First shown at the Tokyo Auto Show in 2013, two BladeGliders have arrived in Brazil to symbolise future technologies that will combine Intelligent Mobility, environmentally-friendly impact and sports-car Nissan driving capabilities. The debut of the BladeGlider at the games is part of Nissan's development of zero-emission vehicles and new automotive technologies including autonomous drive systems and connectivity. The unusual layout of the BladeGlider means the driver sits in arrowhead formation slightly in front of two passengers, who enjoy extended legroom. The view for all occupants is panoramic, with a seamless cockpit windscreen. As far as power goes the prototype is 100 per cent electric, with performance delivered by Nissan's technical partner for the BladeGlider project, UK-based Williams Advanced Engineering. Power is supplied by a high performance five module lithium-ion 220kW battery. Maximum speed of the demonstration models is in excess of 118mph, with 0-62mph taking less than five seconds. The rear wheel drive is provided by two 130kW electric motors – one for each wheel. VIPs attending the Rio Olympics will be offered dynamic rides in one of the BladeGliders and the other will be on static display.

VW TO CLEAN UP PETROL CARS

BY: CHRIS RUSSON

THE Volkswagen Group is continuing with moves to clean up its engines and has announced it will be fitting particulate filters to petrol cars from next year. The company, still reeling from the 'dieselsgate' scandal where it admitted cheating over CO2 readouts from its diesel engines, says the filters will reduce soot emissions by up to 90 per cent. Such filters are already used on diesel engines to remove harmful particles from exhaust gasses and VW now plans to introduce them on petrol models starting with the 1.4-litre TSI Tiguan SUV and the 2.0-litre TFSI Audi A5 coupe. Dr Ulrich Eichhorn, head of group research and development for Volkswagen, said: "Following increases in efficiency and lower CO2 output, we are now bringing about a sustained



reduction in the emission levels of our modern petrol engines by fitting particulate filters as standard." The first models with the new filters will be available from June 2017 and VW says that by 2022 the number of its vehicles fitted with the new technology could run to seven million a year. VW said it intended to roll out the introduction of the so-called gasoline particulate filters on all of its group brands which as well as Volkswagen and Audi also includes Skoda, SEAT and Bentley

CATERHAM'S NEW SPORTING SEVEN 310 BY: STEWART SMITH



ICONIC British sports car company Caterham has announced its latest motorsport model, the Seven 310, engineered by its sports development experts who upgraded the existing Seven 270's Sigma engine. The necessary Sigma engine upgrade, allowing racers to move up to the Supersport category from Tracksport – which involved high-performance camshafts and revised mapping, generating as much as an extra

20bhp in the rev range – resulted in the surprise discovery. While an associated aftermarket option was always mooted for owners of Seven 270s as a result of the race engine upgrade, the driver experience offered by the new set-up prompted Caterham to create a brand new model, the 310. The new Seven 310 will also be the first model to debut a new optional extra - LED headlamps, a first for Caterham, and an option which will be available across the range. Simon Lambert, chief motorsport and technical officer for Caterham Cars, said: "It's entirely fitting that the Seven 310, which we feel perfectly synchronises power and handling, has come out of the motorsport engineering process. "When we were going through the engineering process on the race engine upgrade, we had one eye on the aftermarket, of course. But, once the re-worked car hit the road, we knew it was far too good to be marketed simply as an option. The Seven 310 was born. The Seven 310 comes in at £24,995 fully-built and is available to order now, with first deliveries estimated to arrive early 2017. For existing Caterham Seven 270 owners, the upgrade can be completed for £1,495.

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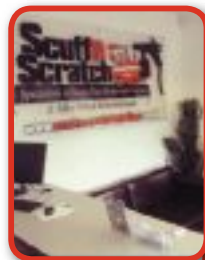
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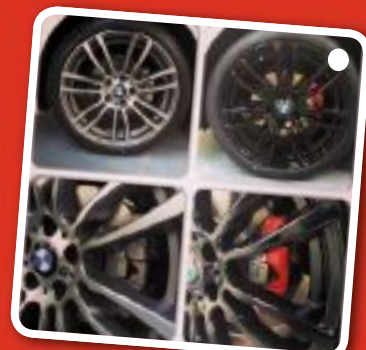
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on the road

NISSAN SAYS ELECTRIC IS WAY TO GO

By: Stewart Smith

THE number of petrol stations in the UK has dropped by 75 per cent in the past four decades and Nissan UK says by 2020 there will be more public electric charging stations than petrol.

At the end of 2015, there were just 8,472 fuel stations in the UK, down from 37,539 in 1970. Assuming a steady rate of decline, Nissan predicts that by August, 2020, this will fall to under 7,870.

There are now more than 4,000 places in the UK where motorists can charge all-electric or hybrid vehicles.

While the majority of electric vehicle owners charge at home, 98 per cent of UK motorway services now have charging stations, including rapid connectors that can charge a Nissan Leaf's battery to 80 per cent in just 30 minutes.

Edward Jones, EV manager for Nissan Motor (GB) Ltd, said: "As electric vehicle sales take off, the charging infrastructure is keeping pace and paving the way for convenient all-electric driving. Combine that with constant improvements in our battery performance and we believe the tipping point for mass EV uptake is upon us".



NEW TURBO EDITION i20 FROM HYUNDAI By: Stewart Smith



HYUNDAI has released pricing and specification details for its new i20 Turbo Edition which goes on sale this month.

Designed, engineered and built in Europe, the i20 Turbo Edition will be priced from £12,975.

Hyundai says there's a growing trend for small capacity turbo petrol engines, and the special edition i20 Turbo features Hyundai's efficient 100bhp 1.0-litre turbocharged three-cylinder petrol engine with CO2 emissions of 104g/km which equates to 63mpg.

The newcomer to the i20 range comes with distinctive 16in alloy wheels and is available with a choice of six exterior colours - Polar White, Aqua Sparkling, Sleek Silver, Stardust Grey, Phantom Black and Red Passion, all with a special Black/Grey interior.

The Turbo edition is based on the well-specified i20 SE and the sporty new model comes with Bluetooth, DAB digital radio, cruise control with speed limiter, and a leather wrapped steering wheel with audio and phone controls as standard.

Additional to the SE the new up-market i20 adds a rear view camera, automatic lights with dusk sensor, and satellite navigation via a seven-inch integrated touch screen.

With the satellite navigation upgrade the i20 Turbo Edition comes with a free seven-year TomTom Live Services subscription, which provides the most up to date traffic information, speed camera alerts, weather updates, and live point of interest notifications.

AUDI SUPER SPYDER HITS THE ROAD

By : Mike Torpey

AUDI'S latest R8 Spyder supercar is now up for grabs - at a princely £129,990.

The new addition to the second generation R8 line-up has a fabric hood that can open in 20 seconds so occupants can enjoy the car's throaty V10 soundtrack.

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Audi says the car's ground-up rework brings it very much up to date not only by adding more power and a 50 per cent uplift in torsional rigidity, but also new features like the fully digital Audi Virtual Cockpit, the Audi smartphone interface and internet-based Audi Connect services.

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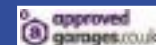
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CRICKET

Stony Stratford ease their relegation fears

AN EIGHT-WICKET win for Stony Stratford over Northamptonshire Premier League basement side Wellingborough Town moved them 49 points clear of the drop zone.

James Pickles' 62 and Mark Hulbert's score of 56 helped Stony to victory.

Graeme Carter's score of 89 helped Great Brickhill to a 112-run success over table-toppers Dinton in the Cherwell Cricket League. In Division Two, Wolverton Town lost by six wickets to Sandford St Martin. In the Four Counties League, New Bradwell

continued their title tilt with a battling draw at Aspley Guise, while centuries for Nimesh Chavda and Nick Hillman helped Milton Keynes to a draw against Elstow. New City beat leaders Biddenham by 32 runs, while North Crawley defeated Olney Town by one wicket.

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ATHLETICS



Triple jump: Lucy Johnson leapt 9.69m as MMKAC finished fourth at the last meeting of the season

MK athletes miss out on promotion

BY SCOTT KIRK

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THE ladies of Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club (MMKAC) travelled to Manchester for the third and final UK Women's Athletics League Two match.

The net result was that the ladies, a squad of 16 on the day, very narrowly failed to gain promotion to Division One. Host club Sale Harriers won the match with Southampton second, Havering third, MMKAC fourth, Bedford fifth, Herts Phoenix sixth, Liverpool seventh and Glasgow eighth.

Southampton won the Division Two title but it was right down to the wire to see whether it would be MMKAC or Bedford who took the second position and the other promotion place. Both finished on 17 league points but it was Bedford with a total of 544 match points (accumulated over the three matches) who just headed MMKAC, who totalled 534 points.

The MK ladies got off to a perfect start as Emma Beardmore (43.75m) won the 'A' hammer and, with her last throw, Paige Barnes threw 40.35m to win the 'B' event. Emma continued her good form this summer with third in the shot (10.95m) and second in the 'B' discus (36.23m).

Emma Beales threw 41.21m for fourth in the 'A' discus and placed second in the 'B' shot with 10.47m. More good points in the field

events came from Rachel Gibbens, who won the pole vault with 3.60m and later high-jumped 1.60m for third place.

Kewe King cleared 1.45m for third 'B' string and triple-jumped 10.37m for sixth position. In this event Lucy Johnson jumped 9.69m for fourth in the 'B' event having also competed in the javelin and long jump.

Best results on the track came in the endurance races. Elle Roche ran a personal best in the 1500m, placing third with a time of 4.30.77 and the third fastest in the all-time club rankings. Lara Bromilow raced to second in the 3000m (10.19.12), while Martinha Royles placed fourth in the 'B' 1500m and fifth in the 'B' 800m.

In the shorter races Ella de Lucis placed fourth in the 100m hurdles with 14.88 and earlier in the 100m flat she finished seventh. Anita Dzre placed fifth in the 'B' 100m and sixth in the 200m. Katie James ran 61.23, her second fastest this year, for sixth in the 400m. Corinne Nurse was again close to the MK veterans 800m record but had to settle for seventh in Manchester.

The MMKAC male and female veterans were in action at Stevenage in the final Eastern Veterans track and field league match. Both teams placed second on the night, second in the final area league and qualified for the league final at Bedford next month. Last year the ladies won while the men took bronze.

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Proud Robinson wants to begin new shirt tradition

BY SCOTT KIRK

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DONS boss Karl Robinson was proud of his threadbare squad after his side beat Shrewsbury Town 1-0 on the opening day of the season – and wants to give fans a players' shirt every time his team wins away from home.

It was a gutsy win for the team given the lack of numbers at the club at the moment and Robinson was particularly pleased with his senior players.

"We knew it was going to be hard and with eight academy players on the pitch I don't think we can do any more," said Robinson.

"I thought the senior players were magnificent.

"Pottsy [Darren Potter] and Ed Upson looked a class act against a good Shrewsbury team.

"When you slog players like we do because of the lack of numbers we have, it's hard and we can't do any more.

"I think the fans realise how low we are on numbers. It was a great turnout and they made up for it with the noise, which is why I robbed Samir Carruthers' shirt and threw it to a kid in the crowd.

"I'll pay for it if I need to!"

"Every time we win away I want to rob a player's shirt and one of the fans can have it."

Daniel Powell was on the scoresheet as Dons won and, while Robinson said the winger has had a great pre-season, he added it was



Changes: Karl Robinson made 11 changes to the side that played Newport last night

important not to get carried away as Dons won their opening game of the season last year in the Championship.

"We've said that he has been outstanding all summer.

"It's a win and that's all you ask at the start of the season when you get your first goal, your first clean sheet and your first three points and

we've done all three today.

"This time last year we won 4-1 and got relegated so it's not a case of us getting carried away."

Carruthers hobbled off with a groin injury during the second half and Robinson added that losing him would be a big blow for the club. Robinson made 11 changes to the side for last night's EFL Cup first

round trip to Newport as he looked to give his first team some recovery time before Saturday's home encounter with Millwall.

Striker Tom Hitchcock also left the club by mutual consent yesterday.

Dons will also play Bradford City at stadiummk in the league on Tuesday night.

Impressive Ed says Dons are on the Up

DONS midfielder Ed Upson believes that the team has what it takes to bounce straight back up to the Championship.

The midfielder, who plays against his former club Millwall at stadiummk on Saturday, impressed on his debut in the middle of the park at Shrewsbury Town at the weekend.

He provided the assist that set up Daniel Powell to score the only goal of the game and said he was 'buzzing' to have helped Dons win their opening encounter of the season.

"We're really happy because anything can happen on the opening day so we're buzzing," said Upson.

"I managed to win the ball back and got the ball to Powell and to be fair to him it was a great strike. "I sensed there was a bit of danger and this time I gambled and it paid off.

"There has been a lot of transfer talk but as a team we're as together as it can get at the moment and I feel like we're quite



Buzzing: Ed Upson played well on his debut

Picture by Lee Scriven

strong. Some of the kids are good enough to step up so we're not worried about them coming on."

The victory over the Shropshire outfit was Dons' first in the league since March and the club will be

relieved to get that statistic off their back. Teams can suffer a hangover after going on runs of form such as Dons have, but Upson said that he did not sense any ill feeling from last season's

Championship relegation and that the players were itching to go for promotion in this new League One season.

"I didn't sense a hangover and everyone has come back with a really positive attitude and they've been buzzing for the season to start.

"We look to next week and keep pushing on.

"We're looking at the very top as you've got to and I'm sure every team in the league will be doing that. But it's early days and you've got to take it every game at a time.

"It's a pleasure to be playing in central midfield, which is where I want to play.

"I've got fond memories of everywhere I've been and I'm at MK Dons now so it's a game I'll be looking to win.

"When I was at Millwall I never played Yeovil so I've never had that experience of playing a former club before.

"But I'm looking forward to facing Millwall and it's going to be a good game."

GREYHOUND RACING

Towcester doing its bit to lead greyhound racing



Top venue: Towcester Races

SINCE throwing open its gates less than two years ago, Towcester Racecourse has quickly established itself as the leading venue for greyhound racing in the region.

Weekend race nights in particular always see the venue buzzing and the state-of-the-art facilities, both on and off the track, have attracted new faces into the sport, which before Towcester's arrival on the scene had been on the decline following the recent closures of nearby tracks in Milton Keynes, Oxford and Reading.

Free admission, a concept not yet adopted by any other greyhound track in the country, could be one of the reasons why the Towcester attendances are booming and the picturesque setting another.

On the track, wide sweeping bends ensure that bumping in races is kept to a bare minimum and several of the most talented greyhound trainers in the country have attended.

Sky Sports were keen to broadcast the recent TV Trophy from the track and the Lowther Stakes (currently ongoing with the £10,000 final on August 27) has attracted greyhound racing's elite.

ICE HOCKEY

Tigers challenge for Lightning in pre-season game

MK LIGHTNING will take on Telford Tigers in a pre-season challenge match at the MK Arena on August 27.

It will give fans their first opportunity to look at Pete Russell's new roster for the upcoming season.

The last time the two sides met was in back-to-back English Premier League play-off quarter final matches in March.

Coach Russell's side put the then reigning EPL champions to the sword 7-2 on aggregate. Lightning went on to beat 2015-16 league champions Basingstoke Bison in the semi-final but lost to Guildford Flames in the final. The forthcoming season will be Lightning's last in the English Premier League as from September 2017 they will compete in the Elite League.

Lightning will also entertain Peterborough Phantoms on September 3 at 7pm.

The league season begins on September 10 with a home match against Bracknell Bees.



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Going for gold: Greg Rutherford is bidding for a second Olympic gold medal in Rio



Will Greg leap to victory at the Olympics?

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A DATE with destiny awaits Woburn Sands long jumper Greg Rutherford this weekend as he goes for another Olympic gold medal.

Four years ago at London 2012, Rutherford was part of one of the greatest nights in British sporting history, dubbed Super Saturday, when his long jump triumph was sandwiched between successes for heptathlete Jessica Ennis and long distance runner Mo Farah.

Since then he has been imperious, winning the Commonwealth, European and World championships and his form in 2016 has been outstanding.

Rutherford is the favourite to retain his Olympic crown in the long jump and watching other Team GB athletes such as swimmer Adam Peaty win medals has really whet his appetite.

"Watching Brits win medals really gets my competition juices flowing!" he tweeted.

"I cannot wait to compete now.

"The whole of GB tower here in the

village erupted when Adam Peaty won. What a brilliant feeling."

Amazingly, the scheduling means that we could be on for a Super Saturday repeat if everything goes well with Rutherford, Farah and Ennis-Hill, as she is now known.

Rutherford begins his journey with qualification at 1.20am on Saturday, with the final taking place from 12.53am on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the badminton involving Team GB's Milton Keynes based players begins tomorrow and finishes on August 20.

Husband and wife duo Chris and Gabby Adcock represent Britain's best opportunity for a medal.

And Woburn professional Charley Hull is in action from Wednesday, August 17 in the women's golf.

Team Keyne rider Ian Stannard rode in the men's road race across the beautiful landscape of Rio on Saturday and, while he started well to lay a good foundation for his teammates, he ended up dropping off.

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